

MINUTES

**CITY OF WARR ACRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2004
7:00 P.M.**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of a quorum present was given. The Flag salute was lead by Kyle Corriveau, Troop 178, Star Scout. The Invocation was given by Dan Gilbert, Planning Commission member.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Marietta Tardibono
Vice-Mayor Justin Frisbie
Councilman Jimmy Alexander
Councilman Walter Johnson
Councilman Mike Gossman
Councilman Bob Wehba
Councilman Barry Curl
Councilman Tom Smith

ABSENT

Councilman Greg Hayes

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Pamela McDowell-Ramirez, City Clerk
Roger Patty, Police Chief
Rob Carter, Acting Fire Chief
Scott Barrett, City Engineer
Wiley Rice, City Planner
Bob Jernigan, City Attorney

2. Questions and Comments from Warr Acres Residents.

The Mayor made a call to the public for volunteers that would like to help at City Hall with filing. She also announced that the city would be holding an Easter Egg Hunt. She read a letter from Mrs. Altizer thanking the Street department for placing a fence at 56th Street Park. The Street department members that worked on the fence were Michael Poe, Bill Robertson and Don Cosper.

Councilman Frisbie stated that he had received an e-mail concerning the web site not being updated. He was told that the web site referenced in the e-mail is not the web site that is given out and had not been used in months. The web site that the city uses is www.warracres-ok.gov. It was also stated that in the corner of the

old web site there is a scroll that tells the new web address. He also made reference to the television not being keep up to date.

Councilman Curl stated that before summer gets here if something would be done about the lake on NW Highway for mosquitoes. Chief Carter stated that he treated it last year and planned on treating it again this year. Councilman Curl stated that the lake really looked bad and Chief Carter said that there was not really anything that could be done.

3. CONSENT DOCKET: (individual items may be deleted from the consent docket for discussion and action under #4.

A.	Approval of Expenditures – General Fund	\$ 29,474.37
	Street & Alley	\$ 4,398.40

Councilman Johnson wanted to know why the city paid someone to fix a city line when the Sewer department has three staff members. Chief Carter stated that he received calls from Mark Nelson concerning the main line break behind Tai Pei on a Saturday. The persons that live at 5801 NW 49th had called a plumber because of a backup. He said that Mr. Nelson said that the line was broken and the city did not have what was needed to fix the line. Mr. Nelson told the plumber to fix the line for the city. Councilman Johnson wanted to know exactly what the city was paying for, if the city was also picking up the cost for the work done on the residence line. The Mayor stated that Brad Seale was out sick but she would find out from him and let Councilman Johnson know.

Motion by Frisbie, second by Curl to approve the consent docket. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, yea; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on items removed from the consent docket.

Moot.

5. Receive reports from Staff: Police, Fire, City Clerk, City Inspector, Street, Sanitation, Sewer, City Engineer, City Planner.

Chief Carter-stated that the location of the Easter Egg Hunt might need to be changed to a different park for more parking.

City Clerk Ramirez-stated that the internet had been down most of last week and still this week which has caused several problems for everyone. Councilman Smith stated that he was working on getting the problems fixed, however, the security levels that the city had were not enough and the system had been

attacked. He stated that he moved the server to another location so that he could keep an eye on the activity and as soon as he got it hooked up it started getting hit. He said that the intrusions came from Richardson, Texas; South Korea and Detroit, Michigan. The computers need protection updates and the cost will be \$3000 to \$5000. He stated that we really could not go backwards at this point because much of the city business is handled over the internet. He said that Officer Feith and Darryl Goodman are going to be able to work on the system when there are problems. He also stated that he will get a cost for the protection that the city needs for the computers.

6. Discussion and possible action on approval of a contract the MESO Alcohol/Drug Program or another program or starting a program run by city personnel.
Wehba *****

Councilman Wehba asked how many employees held CDL licenses and he was told around 15 employees. He stated that he really felt that the city did not need to be doing the program in house and that the best thing to do would be to use MESO.

Motion by Wehba, second by Curl to approve contracting with MESO for CDL Alcohol/Drug Program. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, yea; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible action on the use of the city's chipper. *Wehba*

Councilman Wehba stated that since neither the Street nor Sanitation departments agree on who should use it and since it is just setting idle it should be declared surplus and sold at the next city auction. Councilman Gossman stated that he had gotten some prices on chippers and thought that the city should take sealed bids in order to sell it. He also stated that the city would not be including the generator in the sale because Tony had been able to get it up and running and he was going to test it to see how strong a load it could carry. Councilman Alexander stated that maybe it could be used to run a lift station in an emergency.

The meeting continued on to the next item without any action taken. Then before item 11 the council went back and made the following motion.

Motion by Wehba, second by Gossman to surplus the chipper, place it in the city auction but before the auction advertise it through OML for sealed bids with a reserve placed on it when the time comes. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, nay; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed.

8. Discussion on new city brochures. *Frisbie*

Councilman Frisbie stated that they are working on new color brochures with more pizzazz and more information and the brochure will have a pocket so that additional information will be able to be added. Also he and the Mayor are to meet with a lady from the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber in an effort to get more information out to the public.

9. Discussion and possible action to lift the hiring freeze to hire a dispatcher to replace Darryl Goodman who has been hired in the ACO/CEO position. *Patty*

Chief Patty stated that with Darryl being hired as the Animal Control Officer it left an opening for a dispatcher. He also stated that in the next few months he would have a dispatcher out for a while once the dispatchers wife had a baby and then another dispatcher is expecting in April and will be gone on maternity leave at the same time the dispatch supervisor is on vacation.

Motion by Wehba, second by Smith to lift the hiring freeze to allow the Chief to hire one dispatcher. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, yea; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action on bid specs for the purchase of a new television and camera system for the Council Chambers. *Smith*

Councilman Smith stated that he and Councilman Wehba and met with Ford Audio/Video and discussed what type system the city was interested in. Each of the Councilmen were given a copy of the proposal from Ford Audio/Video. Councilman Smith went over the items listed on the proposal. Councilman Johnson asked how much it would cost to include a sound system. Councilman Smith stated that he did not know but could find out. Councilman Curl stated that if it was all done at the same time the city could probably get a better cost. Councilman Frisbie stated that he would like to see it done but also wanted the audio.

Motion by Frisbie, second by Gossman to continue this item to the March 2nd meeting to allow time for quotes on a sound system could be obtained. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, yea; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible action on instructing the City Engineer to coordinate with ODOT and others concerning right of way acquisition, utility relocation plans and

other requirements for preparation of the MacArthur Project that has been approved by ACOG for funding in 2004. *Smith*

Scott Barrett stated that it was now the middle of February and if something was not done soon there was no way that the city could meet the May deadline. He stated that all plans were ready and approved except for OKC and they were waiting word from Warr Acres on whether they were going to have the money to proceed with the project before OKC spent any money. He did not have the estimated cost for the acquisitions. If the project is redesigned to take out the center lane the savings would not be that great. It would only cut the cost by about \$50,000, however, there would be additional engineering fees for the redesign of about \$25,000. Councilman Wehba stated that he could see the north section being done but did not think that the south section could ever be done. Councilman Smith stated that it had been mentioned that in a few years MacArthur would need to be resurfaced. Councilman Johnson stated that the County would help with the resurfacing. Councilman Wehba stated that resurfacing would not fix the problems. Mayor Tardibono asked what the next step the city needed to take. Mr. Barrett stated that they needed to authorize the acquisition of the properties. Councilman Smith stated that the acquisition of the properties needed to be done even if the project was not done now so they would already be taken care of if the project was done at a later time. Mr. Barrett stated that the city would need to tell OKC to move forward with the water line relocation plans. They would also have to authorize the utility companies to move with utilities. And the city would need to decide where they were going to get the funds to pay for the project. He stated the 20% cost was \$640,000. Councilman Johnson stated that he thought the city might be able to afford to do the north portion. Councilman Smith and Scott Barrett stated that the north sections plans were not complete. Several members of the council stated that they believed that all plans were complete and that Clowers had been paid in full. Mr. Barrett stated that if the city switched section then they would not meet the qualification for ACOG. Councilman Smith stated that if it is not done now it would be several years before the funds would be available to the city again.

Motion by Curl, second by Smith to move forward and proceed with the acquisition of the right-of-ways by Cinnabar Service Company. Poll vote: Alexander, nay; Johnson, nay; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, yea; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed.

12. Discussion and possible action on the possible purchase of a used Police unit at a cost of \$4650 for the Police Department using the remaining money from the OMAG dividend. *Patty* *****

Chief Patty stated that he had received information unexpectedly about a great deal on a used police unit. He stated that he had a 1995 unit in his fleet that

needed to be surplused because it was costing more to keep it running than it was worth. He stated that they had checked out the unit and it looked to be in good condition. He gave the council some background information concerning the use of the unit. He was asked what other cost would be associated with the purchase of the vehicle. Chief Patty stated that it would cost around \$300 for a paint job, \$600 for a cage and \$100 for decals. He told the council that all equipment could be installed in house. He stated that the additional cost would be taken from his vehicle maintenance budget.

Motion by Curl, second by Wehba to approve the purchase of the used police unit. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, yea; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible action on Resolution #393 repealing Resolution #349.
Jernigan ****

Bob Jernigan told the council that this Resolution was to repeal the Resolution that was adopted on October 11, 2000 declaring the area blighted in order to develop the 39th Street Project. Since this project is no longer then the Resolution needed to be repealed.

Motion by Frisbie, second by Curl to approve Resolution #393. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, yea; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

14. Discussion and possible action on hiring Anita Breen to review and revamp the city's job descriptions and pay scale. *Mayor* ****

Mayor Tardibono submitted a quote to the council for their consideration. Councilman Curl stated that he and Councilman Johnson were on the council before when this was brought up and did not feel that Ms. Breen needed to be hired to do this. Councilman Frisbie stated that the last time it was done the council did not approve it so why would they have it done again. Councilman Wehba stated that the pay scale was done in 2000 but it needed to be kept up with. Councilman Frisbie stated that he thought there needed to be a committee to work on it. Councilman Curl stated that the reason there was a top was because that was all that would be paid for that job and if they did not like it they could move on. A committee was set up of Councilmen Wehba, Frisbie, Alexander and Gossman. The Mayor asked that they talk to her about what she has been told needs to be done. No action was taken.

15. Discussion and possible action on contract and negotiations with I.A.F.F. Local #2374 and the City of Warr Acres, including discussion and action on entering into Executive Session as allowed under 25 O.S. Supp. 307 (B) (2), Discussing negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups.

Motion by Wehba, second by Gossman to enter into executive session including Tony Puckett. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, yea; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

The council entered into executive session at 8:40 p.m. after a 10 minute recess.

The council returned to open session at 8:58 p.m. **WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

16. Adjournment.

Motion by Wehba, second by Gossman to adjourn. Poll vote: Alexander, yea; Johnson, yea; Gossman, yea; Wehba, yea; Frisbie, yea; Curl, nay; Smith, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela McDowell-Ramirez
City Clerk